2008 Bills that Passed (effective May 5, 2008 unless otherwise indicated)

S.B. 95 Markup on alcoholic beverages

This bill lowers the markup on liquor manufactured by a small distillery or brewery

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillenr/sb0095.htm

S.B. 165 Single event permits

This bill allows a person to have 12, 72 hour permits or 4, 120 hour permits per calendar year.

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillenr/sb0165.htm

S.B. 167 Election day sales

This bill removes the restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on election days for licensees, permittees, and certain package agencies.

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillenr/sb0167.htm

S.B. 211 (Sub 03) Flavored Malt Beverages, 1.5 oz. drinks, etc.

This bill:

- enacts the Malted Beverages Act (effective October 1, 2008) including: providing for the treatment of a flavored malt beverage as a liquor, addressing approval of the label and packaging of a malt beverage, and providing transition protections;
- enacts provisions related to criminal background checks;
- addresses proximity restrictions;
- adjusts quota requirements for certain licenses;
- addresses the dispensing of spirituous liquor including allowing up to 1.5 ounces of primary liquor in a drink;
- limits the amount of spirituous liquor that may be before a patron to 2.5 ounces;
- prohibits conduct related to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia;
- modifies requirements related to private club price lists;
- establishes requirements related to the display of beer in grocery and convenience stores; and
- makes it a criminal offense to operate without an alcohol license or permit.

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillenr/sb0211.htm

H.B. 157 (Sub 01) 8-day notice to licensees

This bill:

- requires a law enforcement agency to refer a violation to the DABC within 8 business days after the investigation is completed; and
- requires the DABC to notify a licensee within 8 business days of the receipt of a referral of an alleged violation from a law enforcement agency.

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/hbillenr/hb0157.htm

H.B. 171 Driving privilege cards not an acceptable form of ID to buy alcohol

This bill prohibits a person authorized by law to sell or otherwise handle alcoholic beverages or products from accepting a driving privilege card as evidence of the legal age of the person.

Text: http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/hbillenr/hb0171.htm